

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to their undersigned representative in a telephonic interview on September 1, 2005. Further to those discussions, Applicants submit these amendments and the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08.

The specification has been amended to correct minor typographical errors. Claims 47, 55 and 90 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. Claims 47 and 49-100 remain pending in the application. No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08 to formally make of record the references noted thereon. While the Examiner may have already considered these references, and did consider the references in the parent application (USSN 10/006,624) no initialed Form PTO/SB/08 or Form PTO-892 has been received from the Examiner to reflect that these references are officially of record in the present application. Applicants wish to formally make of record the references so that they will appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue from the application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08.

A copy of the references listed on the PTO/SB/08 is not provided herewith, but the Examiner is referred to the application file of the parent application No. 10/006,624, filed on November 30, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,680,315, to which the present application claims priority.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the submission of this Form PTO/SB/08 shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the submission of this Form PTO/SB/08 shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

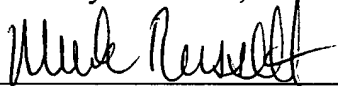
CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner consider that any obstacles to issuance exist, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number below. Applicants thank the Examiner in advance for this courtesy.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 04-1105 referencing docket no. 61254CON(50586).

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